State Government has further stated that guidelines on observance of hygiene in preparation of meals have been issued *inter-alia,* stipulating:

(1) Training of cooks engaged for cooking.

(2) Testing of food by teachers before serving it to children.

To ensure uninterrupted, clean and hygienic food, Central Government has also exhorted State Governments to mobilize mothers of school children to oversee, by turn, the preparation and serving of the meal.

'Education for All' Goal

130. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister, of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high powered National Co-ordination Committee to review 'Education for AH' goal and suggest ways to accelerate its progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to undertake a mid-decade assessment of its progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Coordination Committee was set up last year to coordinate and review activities of different agencies and Departments working for Education for All.

The Committee will, *inter alia,* advise the Government on all aspects of EFA, with special reference to the following:

> Policy aspects relating to EFA

> Identification of areas of shortfall and steps to be taken for their rectification

> Identification and dissemination of best practices/models for EFA

> Raising community awareness of EFA

> Convergence of schemes of various Departments/agencies for achieving the goals of EFA

Review of State-wise progress in achieving the EFA goals.

(c) and (d) One of the suggestions made by the Committee in its first meeting was to undertake a mid decade assessment of progress towards the EFA goals, focusing mainly on the three aspects of (i) Policy and Governance Framework (ii) Implementation Strategies and Resource Development (iii) Delivered curricula and learning outcomes.

Teaching staff of engineering colleges

131. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of qualified teaching staff in higher educational institutions particularly in rural engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the findings of All India Council for Technical Education in this regard;

(d) whether Government have laid down any regulations/guidelines for private self-financing colleges and institutions, to recruit adequate number of qualified teaching staff for the courses and programmes offered to the students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the AICTE, there is a shortage of faculty in engineering colleges in certain disciplines of engineering and technology such as Mechanical, Civil, Chemical EIectrical, Electronics, Computer and IT and Textile.

(d) and (e) Norms and Standards prescribed by AICTE require that the technical institutes conform to faculty student ratio and faculty cadre ratio. The guidelines for requirement of technical faculty are specified in the AICTE approval process which *inter-alia* prescribes a student to faculty ratio at 1:15 and a Professor to Assistant Professor to Lecturer ratio of 1:2:6.

Security cover to Institutes of Excellence

132. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to provide CISF cover to all the institutions of national importance, including